of land on either side of the road as Government property in planting districts and this stood in the way of the planters being enabled to put up wire fences on them so as to prevent the encroachment of stray cattle on their estates. The member said he had no objection to permit the D. P. W. to use these road fringes for public purposes and observed that the wire fences were so made that they could be temporarily removed.

Reply.—In the notification of 1053, a width of 20 feet on either side of the road is prescribed for all roads where Sirkar land is available. Even otherwise, in practice, this width is sought to be secured in the interests of public convenience and it does not seem desirable to change this practice. If the wire fence is to be put up beyond the 20 feet, there can possibly be no objection to it. However, in each particular case, all difficulties may be represented and they will be sought to be remedied as far as possible.

132. Distribution of water from tanks to fields.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai,(Agricultural Improvement Association, South Travancore) represented that at present water was not properly distributed in Nanjanad from irrigation tanks to paddy fields and that efficient arrangements should be made for the equitable distribution of the same.

Reply.—Under the rules of 12th Medom 1081, the distribution of water to fields from irrigation tanks has been entrusted to the D. P. W in all cases in which the Revenue department had control before. As regards tanks in which the distribution is left to the ryots, the need for some supervision is apparent and the views of the Chief Engineer and the Peishkar will be invited.

133. Obstruction of the flow of water from feeding channels to tanks.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai, (Agricultural Improvement Association, South Travancore) represented that some people obstructed the flow of water in certain hill-streams by placing temporary dams over them and diverting them for unauthorized purposes, the result of this being that many of the irrigation tanks in Nanjanad were not sufficiently replenished with water at the proper seasons.

Reply.—This is a matter for disposal by the local authorities when individual cases are brought to their notice.

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